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SENATOR JANSSEN: That'd be great. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Further discussion on the committee amendments. Senator Jensen, you're recognized to close on the committee amendments. Senator Jensen waives closing. The motion before us is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 574. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The committee amendments are adopted. For discussion on the advancement of LB 574, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, Senator Jensen, a few questions, if I may.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: First of all, as I understand it, this settlement doesn't prohibit us from any sort of taxation of tobacco products that we may choose to have, is that not correct?

SENATOR JENSEN: That is correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, and with regard to the regulation of the marketing of tobacco, it does not prohibit us in any way from further regulating the marketing of tobacco, or does it?

SENATOR JENSEN: That is correct here in Nebraska. Into the marketing, if we wanted to pass a law that would go beyond what the MSA says, we could do that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Would the...would the federal commerce clause come into play at all in that action in terms of the federal government being required to prohibit any additional state